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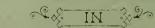
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For the Maryland Farmer.

OUR NEW FARM, IV.

MORE SLICKING UP.

Did you ever think how much pleasure you can have in preparing things to please others? Until I began to get things on the farm in shape to please my wife and my girl, I could'nt have believed how much delight I should take in doing it. It was the first day of May, and it was Tuesday morning, when I next went down to the farm. More than a week since we had bought. I went down alone this time for I meant to put in a big day's work.

I found Charley, the colored man, and his wife hard at work. They were not yet through with white-washing. The Janneys went away on Saturday and they were now in the house at work. When I looked at the walls, I found in almost every room places which needed mending, such as spots gouged out by the chairs or bed-

steads or where the door knobs and keys had hit the wall, and now and then a larger piece beside some of the window frames. So I told Charley to make some mortar and patch these places all up and then whitewash every room in the house—to go over it with two good coats. And then I bargained with the wife to scour the floors and clean all the paint and windows, and make everything as bright as a new pin.

The barn and sheds and chicken house were a pleasant drab color as I had mixed color with the lime wash for these, but the fences were dazzling white as the sun shone on them; and the chickens were there, and Charley said he would see that they were taken care of; but Mr. Janney had sold his cow and had concluded to take his horse with him. I afterwards sent Mrs. Janney \$9.90 for her thirty three chickens—thirty cents a piece—the price agreed upon.

Charley, when he could'nt white-wash,

had dug the holes for the posts for 200ft. of picket fence, and had arranged for two gates the one where I located it, and the other about the same distance to the west of the house. He said, he thought I had forgotten to tell him about that one, and I did'nt say anything.

I found he had dug twenty eight post holes, so I knew just what I had to get. While I was counting up the post holes, two of my neighbors came walking up the road. They said:

"How do you do, Mr. Green? Glad to see the old place fixed up. When do you expect to move on it?"

And I said:

"There's right smart yet to be done, before we can come down, but it wont be long that's certain."

Then I said:

"Mr. Janney told me that I could get some posts of Mr. Camden better than the green posts off from my own place, and I find I want twenty eight of them."

Mr. Camden said:

"Well, I think I can supply them if they will suit you; but they are no better than grows on your land."

So I told him:

"I don't know much about it, but will trust you to give what is good and if Charley is satisfied I will be. Send them up leaving them along by the holes and Charley will set them for me. Give them to me all about the same size."

I was to have good posts and was to pay ten cents apiece for them delivered. It turned out all right afterwards and we were all satisfied. The posts were tip top and Charley planted them little end down, which was one of his hobbies about lasting longer.

I had made arrangements to meet the painter there that morning about painting the house; but it was about twelve o'clock and no painter. Mr. Camden asked me

to go down to his house to dinner and I went. He had a nice home. His house was about like the one I was fixing up; but everything about it was neat and cosy. Mrs. Camden was a stout, pleasant-voiced woman who was always ready to welcome any one who was destined to become a neighbor, and I knew my wife and my girl would feel at home at once in her company.

Mr. Camden's family consisted of a son about 25 years old and a daughter 19, besides himself and his wife. Then there were two grand children about five and nine years, both girls. These two were the children of a widowed daughter who lived in the city. The whole family seemed gifted with good health, good spirits and a large fund of common sense.

While we were chatting after dinner, Charley's wife came down to tell me the painter had come, and I started. But I heard Mr. Camden tell his son to load up thirty of the best chestnut posts and take them up to Mr. Green's. This was two more than I had bought; but I didn't say anything.

It wasn't hard work to agree with the painter, for I thought his charges quite moderate. My wife, my daughter and myself had all decided to have the house painted a quaker drab, and I told him to do it up in short order.

He said, "All right," and then he sauntered off down towards the depot.

Then Charley said:

"We'll have the house all cleaned this week, at furthest. And Mr. Chubb, though he goes off so slow now, will have this all painted two coats by Saturday night; for he's a driver, he is—and will put enough on to do it, and if you come down, Monday, I'll help put things in the house."

I made up my mind there and then to come down next Monday, if it didn't rain.

I wanted to commence my work at once, for it was getting late, and I saw a good many things which could be done better if we were on the spot. I was doing nothing now in the city and I was hankering after the country work, so I said:

"Charley, if my wife and my daughter can get ready, and I think they can, we will be all here on Monday morning. My furniture will be down on the cars, too, and I will trust you to hire me a couple of good teams to move it up to the house. Can you have your wife here? I know she will be wanted about the house all day."

And Charley said:

"Lizzy'll be here and I'll do the best I can about the moving,"

Just then Mr. Camden's son James drove up with the load of posts and they were unloaded as they passed along in front of the house. I had Charley come and see how I wanted the notch cut in the post before setting it, to receive the lower stringer; and he knew all about it as soon as I showed him how. Charley was a very intelligent darkey. He could turn his hand to almost anything. He was truly faithful as I afterward had many occasions of knowing.

Thus everything was in train for the work necessary, and I went back to the city thoroughly pleased with the prospect of soon beginning a new life, in the new home, on my new Farm.

For The Maryland Farmer.

IDLE LANDS.

It is not necessary that after one crop has been harvested the land should be allowed to lie idle the rest of the season, or be given over to weeds. The change of crop does not always necessitate new fertilization as the elements of crops vary. But it is best as a general thing when prepar-

ing the ground for the second crop to add some fertilizer to give it a good start.

Successive crops do much more good to the land in keeping it clean, than if allowed "to rest," as many are disposed to call it. But it will not rest. If you do not place something useful on it, the myriad worthless seeds will sprout and eat up the substance of the soil and scatter more seeds to pester the farmer in his future crops. Remember that nature's work goes right on and on. It gives no rest to the soil, and if left to itself the soil will gradually grow richer notwithstanding the work is so continuous.

But in the case of nature's uninterrupted work nothing is taken away, for every green thing falls back to the land. The only requirement therefore is that in our successive crops, we give more than we take away. Then the land, although not allowed to rest, will become more and more productive with each successive cropping.

The early potatoes, the early sweet corn, the peas, the early beets, the onions, the bush beans, as soon as harvested should be replaced by some crops which will mature before cold weather. Turnips and cabbages will bear the frosts and bring crops which, although late, are of great value on the farm and in market. We do not, however, advise sowing turnips broadcast, which is the general practice. It is much better to sow them in drills, for it enables us then to keep the land clean from weeds, and this is one of the chief objects for raising the continuous crops.

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Bulletin 9, Experiment Station Illinois. Shows that the comparative feeding of corn fodder and ensilage is slightly in favor of ensilage as to flesh producing.

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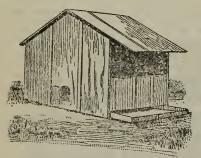


FIG. 1 .-- A COOP FOR HEN AND CHICKENS.

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As in sliding the earth covered tray to its position in the coop, the chickens naturally retreat to the rear of the coop, so to get as far as possible from the attendant, they are in danger of being caught by the feet and injured. Whenever a sliding tray is used, it is a good plan to have an opening made at the rear of the coop where the chickens can escape. Fig. 2 shows a door eight inches wide, running the whole length of the

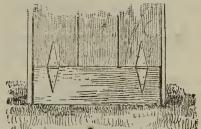


FIG. 2.—REAR DOOR TO COOP. coop, and hinged so as to open upwards. When the tray has been replenished with fresh earth and is about to be returned to its place, open this door so that the chickens may escape, and not huddle together at the rear of the coop. The doorway is defended by slats, against the passage of the hen, the space between them being of sufficient width to allow the exit of chickens.

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All Accounted For.

Miss Clara-Are there any other New Yorkers here, Mr. Dudeleigh?

Dudeleigh (languidly)—Naw, me deah Miss Clawah. The othah three hundred and ninety-nine are scattered about elsewhere.-Pittsburg Bulletin.

Too Bad.

"Did you propose to Henrietta?"
"Yes."

"Engaged?"

"No. I was for the League, but she preferred the Brotherhood."-Life.

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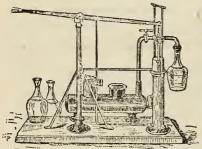
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SCIENCE AND PROGRESS.

SCIENTIFIC RECREATION AND RECENT INVENTIONS.

An Instructive Experiment by Which Water Is Frozen in Vacuum—How It Is Done—A Picture of the Apparatus Which Is Used.

An experiment is often performed by which water is frozen in a vacuum. By putting a saucer full of water under the receiver of an air pump it will first boil and then become a solid mass of ice. It is not difficult to understand the cause of this. The water boils as soon as the air is removed, but in order to pass from the liquid to the gaseous state without the assistance of exterior heat it gives out heat to the surroundings, and in so doing becomes ice itself. This fact Mr. Carre made use of in the apparatus shown in the cut. A small pump creates a vacuum in the water bottles and ice is formed in them.



APPARATUS FOR FREEZING WATER IN BOT-TLES.

The mode of proceeding is as follows: The bottle full of water is joined to the air pump by a tube, and after a few strokes the water is seen in ebullition. The vapor thus disengaged traverses an intermediate reservoir, filled with sulphuric acid, which absorbs it, and immediately condenses it, producing intense cold. In the center of the liquid remaining in the bottle some needles of ice will be seen, which grow rapidly, and after a few more strokes of the pump the water will be transformed into a mass of ice. This is very easy of accomplishment, and in less than a minute the water in the bottle will be frozen.

Interesting Facts on Lightning Strokes.

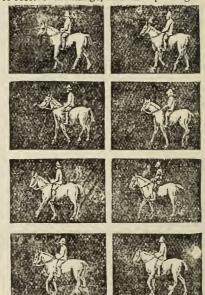
Herr Kastner has carried on for a period of twenty-six years a careful record of observations on lightning strokes in central Germany, from which it appears that last year the number of cases was 1,145, an increase of 129 per cent. The starting point

of all thunder storm paths he finds to be in hills, and in their course the woodless districts and flat country, the river valleys and low meadow ground about lakes seem specially liable, while the wooded and hilly parts generally escape. The hottest months (June and especially July) and the hottest hours of the day, or those immediately following them (3 to 4 p. m.), show the most lightning strokes.

Recent Invention in Photography.

Since the introduction of the rapid dry plates which have made instantaneous photography a possibility many attempts have been made to fix the successive positions taken by men and animals in their natural movements, and with much success. The results obtained have been remarkable, the attitudes caught by the sensitive plate being so extraordinary and apparently unatural that, without the evidence afforded by the photographs, one would have been justified in saying that they were entirely the result of the artist's imagination.

Heretofore the best of these photographs have been secured by placing a number of cameras side by side, so arranged that the exposure was made by the man, the horse or other animal itself as it moved past them. M. Marey, of France, has recently invented an apparatus by which, with a single camera, as many as fifty successive exposures of a moving object may be taken in a single second. Instead of glass plates he uses a sensitive film which is rolled from one cylinder to another, stopping in the focus of the objective just long enough to receive the image, and then passing on



SUCCESSIVE EXPOSURES WITH A SINGLE CAMERA.

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to give place to the next one. The particulars of the mechanism are not given in Nature, from which the illustration is a reprint, but the results as shown by it are very fine and indicate a remarkable amount of mechanical skill and ingenuity.

Popular Science News explains that the figures represent the positions taken by a horse and rider as they moved past the camera, commencing at the upper right hand corner and following each line from right to left, in a reverse direction to the lines of a printed page. If M. Marey's apparatus proves to be as practicable as is claimed it will undoubtedly be of great value an limportance to both science and art.

Inefficiency of Sand Filters.

Drs. Frankel and Piefke, of Berlin, have recently made an exhaustive study on the filtration of drinking water through sand. Their experiments conclusively prove, says Medical News, that the danger of infection from impure water is only slightly reduced by filtration through sand, bacteria passing through at all times, but in larger numbers just after the filter has been cleaned and again after it has been "in use for some time."

Tempering Small Steel Parts.

A correspondent in Horological Review says: I temper pinions and other small steel parts in the following simple manner. I take a thin piece of copper, say from an old dial, scrape soap upon it, bend it together and lay the article between; I then bend the sheet firmly together, make it red hot upon a coal and afterward anneal it in oil. Not even the most delicate object will warp in this manner.

Imperial Address Cards.

It is interesting to note that the address cards of the emperor of Germany are distinguished only by their great simplicity. Unlike those of the German nobility, which are generally adorned with crests and crowns, they are without any ornament except, in plain Gothic letters, his name, "Wilhelm, German Emperor and King of Prussia." The first Wilhelm omitted the "and" between the two titles.

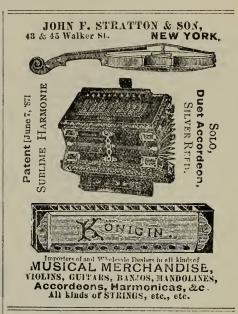
One Thing and Another.

Wedding invitations do not require notes of acceptance or regret; persons who cannot be present merely send their visiting cards, to arrive on the day of the ceremony.

A lady may properly keep her hat on at meals at a public table if she prefers.

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Insomnia and Dyspepsia—The Two Are Closely Connected—Some Suggestions.

Most students and women who are troubled with insomnia are dyspeptic, if a statement in The Journal of the American Medical Association is accurate, and they should, therefore, eat before going to bed, having put aside work entirely at least an hour before. If they are not hungry they should simply be instructed to eat, and if they are hungry they should eat whatever they want. A glass of milk and a biscuit is sometimes all that can be taken at first, or mashed potato buttered. If pessible the night meal should be taken in another room than the sleeping apartment, and for men in the city it will be found advantageous to go out to a restaurant. Before eating, however, a bath should be taken perfectly cold or cool, which should be given with a sponge or stiff brush, and the body thoroughly rubbed off with a coarse towel afterward. The bath need not be more than five minutes in duration.

Further than this, the patient should go to bed at the same hour every night, and arise at the same hour every morning. There is a popular superstition that grown people should not eat immediately before going to sleep; that it will give them indigestion or nightmare, or both. The writer cannot see why adults should be so very different in this respect from babies. The average person should be in bed seven or eight hours, which is time enough for the digestion of almost anything edible. In our American life, he thinks, the digestion carried on through sleep probably has the better chance for thoroughness.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

Science tells that at the recent congress of the German Society for Surgery Professor Tilmanns exhibited a man of about 30 years, from whom he had removed a tu bercular deposit involving a portion of the left lung, pleura and thorax. After the operation the lung contracted in such a manner that by a second operation the remaining tubercalar area was completely removed. The wound was covered with cutaneous flaps and healed completely, and the patient is now able to work. As the operation was performed about two years ago the cure may be regarded as permanent. Tillmanns thinks that the surgical treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis is proper if the disease is localized, but that in most cases two operations will be required, the first to expose the affected part, in order to bring about atrophy and contraction, the second to remove the disease.



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LAND LEVELING FLOAT AT WORK. It consists of two 3x4 inch hemlock scantlings 8 feet long, set the broadest way up and down, about three and a half feet apart, with four boards a foot wide nailed from one to the other, as shown in the figure. Drawn by a team of horses and weighted somewhat this float has a wonderful effect in evening up the surface by passing over the plat. To level inequalities in plowed land the driver steps on the float when a hump is reached. In this case the scantling takes off and draws along a lot of the soil, and by passing to a depression near by, by stepping off the soil is released. Of course if there are larger humps or depressions the shovel scraper is the tool first required.

Frames and Hives.

At a recent meeting of a beekeepers' association at Springfield, Ills., after a long discussion regarding the kind of hives used and the size of frames and hives, it was ascertained that the majority of members present favored the Langstroth size of frame and ten frame hives. Among hives in use among the members were mentioned the Simplicity, Improved Langstroth Simplicity and the old style Heddon. For comb honey the old fashioned box is superseded by the one pound section. The hive used should be one in which the sections can be handled with greatest ease and conven-

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that they could not quarrel. One day, however, they decided that life would be less monotonous if they could only have a difference, so they resolved to dispute about a piece of meat.

"I want that," cried one.
"Yery well, dear fox," said the other, meekly, "take it."
"Oh, no, dear fox," said the first one, penitently. "I wouldn'ttake it away from you for worlds."

Thereupon they concluded that quarreling was an impossibility and resolved never to attempt it again.

Dick and Dora are twins and quite inseparable companions. One day, how-ever, a little cloud arose and blackened

upon their horizon.
"What's the matter?" called Dick, find-

ing Dora sulking in a corner.
"Nothing!" was the dignified answer.

"Oh, come now, I know there is. Was it because I was playing with Tom Rogers?"

"No, it wasn't that," owned Dora, her eyes filling with angry tears; "but you needn't have told me not to touch your things."

"I didn't mean it that way," protested honest Dick. "Truly I didn't. I just meant, 'Don't' joggle till I get that knot tied.'"

"In future," began Dora, with the air of a queen determined not to be pacified, "if you want me to play with you"—here she paused, and a roguish light rippled over her face-"you just mention it, and I'll be there!" And the quarrel of the two little foxes was adjourned.

Luck and Labor.

Luck, weakly wishing, idly lingers For favoring fortune yet to smile; Labor, at work with busy fingers, Depends upon himself the while.

Luck lies abed in dreams to number The coins of future riches vast!

Labor, arising from his slumber,

Earns pence that grow to pounds at last.

Luck ever sighs and says in sadness "Why does my ship come never in?" Labor, all lightsome, sings in gladness, "I'm sure success in time to win!"

Luck comes to poverty and sorrow. To vain regret and lasting shame; Labor has ne'er to beg or borrow,

And gains at length each cherished aim. -Golden Days.

John Goes Marketing.

Teacher (to class in arithmetic)-John goes marketing. He buys two and a quarter pounds of sugar at eleven cents a pound, two dozen eggs at sixteen cents a dozen, and a gallon and a half of milk at twenty cents a gallon. What does it all makes

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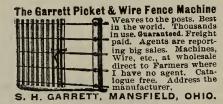
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An Unanswered Conundrum.



GIRLS DO IT-ONE AND ALL.

Can you tell me why it is that every little maid Should be so very, very fond of masquerade? Why she likes to wear her mother's bonnet and

For I have noticed that they do it—one and all!

William Falconer tells of a new chrysanthemum, soon to be introduced, of the style of the celebrated Mrs. Alpheus Hardy, except that it is pink instead of white. It comes from Japan, and is in the hands of Peter Henderson.

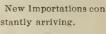
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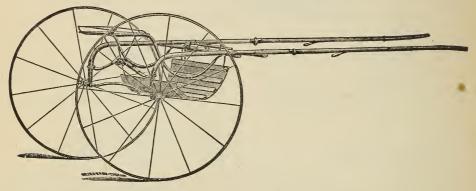
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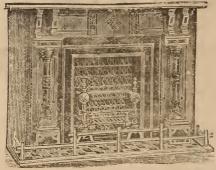
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